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PROVISION FOR SETTING THE DAC TO A CLEAR  
CONDITION, AND A METHOD FOR SETTING A DAC TO A  
CLEAR CONDITION  
Examiner: Khai M. Nguyen  
Art Unit: 2819

Commissioner for Patents  
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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Statement of Reasons for Allowance but finds it necessary to comment on that Statement because it is incorrect and misleading. The application contains independent product claims 1 and 17 and an independent method claim, claim 19.

Specifically with respect to claim 19, the Statement does not accurately reflect the record or the scope of claim 19. Claim does not require a control circuit. The Examiner's Statement was that inclusion of the control circuit was at least part of the "primary reason for allowance."

Accordingly, as Applicant perceives the record, the record contains no Statement of a Reason for Allowance of claim 19. It should be understood that Applicant and the Examiner do not intend the Examiner's Statement to suggest in any way that claim 19 should be construed to require a control circuit as recited in the Examiner's Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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Transmitted herewith are the following documents:

- ☒ Issue Fee Transmittal
- ☒ Comments on Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
- ☒ Amendment After Allowance (Rule 312)
- ☒ Application Data Sheet
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (617) 646-8000, Boston, Massachusetts.

A check in the amount of \$1,700 is enclosed to cover the filing fees. If the fee is insufficient, the balance may be charged to the account of the undersigned, Deposit Account No. 23/2825. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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